

# The Bullet

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*Support Group to Form*

## Anorexics, Bulimics Get Campus Help



*Support group should assist students who suffer from the physical and psychological effects of eating disorders.*

*Photo by Prewitt Scripps*

by PATRICIA J. WEBER

Plans for an anorexia/bulimia support group at MWC are in the initial stages due to the efforts of Circle K President Leanne Raynor who anticipates the establishment of a group later this semester.

Raynor said she is researching the project and pointed out that such a touchy subject "must be handled correctly and carefully." In order to establish the planned support program, a professional contact must be found and an assessment sent out to students to decide what type of group to form and to determine the amount of interest in such a group, Raynor said. She plans to continue making progress over Spring Break, with

hopes that a group may be formed later this semester.

Nancy Smith, head nurse of the MWC Health Center, believes that there is a need for such a support program on campus. However, she said she is unsure of the extent of the need, since "we don't see a lot of it [at the health center] until the person is physically disabled in some area and has no other choice but to seek medical help." Smith said that many who are known to be anorexics or bulimics may also be in need of such a program since the disease is usually a chronic cycle of acute weight losses and gains which the victims must fight all their lives.

For bulimics, the health center provides diet instruction to aid the establishment of a

healthy, successful diet.

Since an anorexic usually does not seek medical help until there is an emergency, the health center handles the necessary arrangements with complete confidentiality.

As both physical and psychological diseases, anorexia and bulimia must be treated with both disorders in mind. The psychiatric help is the real treatment," said Smith, "and the medical care is simply the support." Smith feels that sufferers of eating disorders need an outlet to help with the right support mechanism along with a trained professional.

In Smith's opinion, "If they can get [the support group] together, they'll have a good thing going."

### Inside:

News School officials hope to settle out of court with artist Mary Kate Carroll. See page 3.

People Charles Perez whizzes through college at 17. See page 5.

Features Symposium discusses abortion. A lawyer, pastor and psychologist present facts and opinions. See page 4.

## Editorial

# Change it!

The possible name change for MWC has aroused the interest of students, and much to my surprise, many are opposed to the idea.

In a conversation with President Anderson last week, my belief that a name change might be beneficial to the school was reaffirmed. He pointed out that although the school calls itself co-educational, only between 15 to 18 percent of the student body is male.

Studies done by the College have revealed that often the school is presumed by outsiders to be an all women's private institution, a mistake made largely as a result of the name.

Many students are concerned that the College would have to rebuild its reputation because it would lose its identity. However, it appears that if people mistake the College as being private and all female, then it is already having an identity problem and a name change might be called for.

Furthermore, the reputation of an institution is not lost just because the name is changed. Certainly a name change would attract considerable attention from the media, so people would know about the change. And transcripts that are sent to employers undoubtedly would note that the school was formerly known as Mary Washington College.

A possible decline in alumni giving is another concern and could certainly pose some problems in the short run. However what seems to disturb students most is the fact that the name is a tradition and should thus be left alone.

But the changing of the name of the College is a tradition that goes back even further than the name Mary Washington College does. Since the school was founded in 1908 it has had five different names, with the first change taking place in 1914.

If students are concerned with keeping tradition, then it follows that it is perhaps time for yet another change.

There are reasons for changing the name of the College that may be more practical and beneficial in the long run despite the short term problems. If a change in name can attract a more balanced and better qualified applicant pool, which is why the idea is being considered in the first place, than any sacrifice seems worth it.

WJL

# Opinion

## Cabinet Addresses Possible Name-Change

To the Editor:

The Board of Visitors of Mary Washington College at their last meeting released a study concerning the image of the college. The study indicated that a possible change in the college's name was at hand and is under consideration by the BOV and college's administration.

In the study, it was revealed that in an effort to attract the best pool of prospective applicants possible, especially during a period where the number of high school graduates is declining, the college should make modifications to the school's name as to reflect more appropriately the true nature of the college at this time.

As the leaders of the student body, we, the members of the Student Association Executive Cabinet, feel a need to address the issue at this time. While everyone must respect the results of this study and respect the rationale for the possible changing of the college's name, it is evident that such a consideration will meet opposition at all levels. As student leaders, we feel we have a responsibility to represent the views of the student body.

While all the students may not agree with the changing of the college's name, we feel that students

must consider the position of the Board of Visitors. The decision as to the changing of the school's name will be made in the best interests of the college, as what is best for the college so that it will be able to maintain its high academic standards. The interests of the college certainly lie within the responsibilities of the Board. We urge all students to do the same and consider what is best for this institution's future in the long run.

As students, we of the Executive Cabinet can understand opposition to what is perceived as a drastic change. It is obvious that not everyone is amenable to changing the school's name. One would feel that he has no alma mater with which to identify or he would feel he could not owe any allegiance to a school "he does not know." All this is understandable and to be respected.

We, as student leaders, have urged and will continue to urge the administration and the BOV to consider all aspects before a final decision is made. Since students in a large way will be affected by the change, it is only reasonable that student's opinion be considered and respected. And since education is the underlying subject here, we emphasize to ALL CONCERNED

PARTIES to consider the quality education of this fine institution, and not to compromise this quality for any reason whatsoever. The student body, we feel, should give their support to what is best for the college.

A detailed report has been released in which specifics of the study were examined. Because of the background information included in this report, it is hoped that students will gain more insight into the image study. The Student Association welcomes all opinions and inquiries.

Sincerely yours,  
Amy E. Blasch  
Abas M. Adenan  
Kimberly D. Slayton  
Terry Zeterberg  
Suzanne Maddox  
Renee Allen  
Kim Wright  
Jim Cahill

## Change Smacks Of Sexism

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the possibility of changing the Mary Washington College name to a more male oriented name. The proposed name, Washington College of Virginia, is a direct sexist slap in the face to the females of our college. Changing the name or using a male front to attract male students is a chauvinistic attitude that we females can do without. A person should attend a college due to its academic standards, not its name!

Is the Board of Visitors unhappy with the present caliber of students? If they want to change the name they must want to change the typical Mary Washington student. Booooooo!!

Once again the women, or rather, women's names are being blatantly discriminated against. This is something I do not think Mary Washington should advertise!

Angela R. Rockecharlie

# SLS Prospective Revokes Apology

To the Editor:

I, as the party whose name appeared below the letter of apology printed in last week's *Bullet* (SLS Prospective Apologizes), wish to hereby revoke that apology, given the conditions under which it was submitted. I do this not as a result of the personal integrity sacrificed in signing my name to that letter, but rather to make clear that blatant pettiness and misuse of the Honor

System inherently involved in the whole situation for which I was made to apologize and to subsequently end all debate concerning the Administration's decision involving Hamlet/ the Men's Scholarship, Leadership, Service (SLS) house.

As was stated in the letter to which I was asked to sign my name "I was wrong in the method employed in accomplishing my objective." My objective being to per-

suade the Administration not to turn Hamlet into a study house next year but to rather make it the Men's SLS house. I was—contrary to this statement—not wrong in the method I employed. Nor am I sorry for the manner in which I attempted to see this change implemented. Rather, I am more sorry to see that—as indicated throughout this episode—in the eyes of some, Mary Washington's revered honor system is a tool by which to take out personal vendettas against others.

To briefly explain the situation responsible for the above mentioned occurrences, I—along with several other concerned students—compiled a list of names whom we considered probable candidates for the Men's SLS house next year, and were prepared to obtain their signatures as indication of campus-wide support for our proposal to make Hamlet the Men's SLS house.

Given restraints on time, however, this list was submitted to the Administration without signatures and without affirmation of support for the measure by many on the list. When submitted, it was explained and made clear that many on the list had not been contacted due to the restrictions on time imposed upon us.

It was well later made clear by the party who made the decision concerning Hamlet that the number of names on our petition was not a major, much less a deciding factor in the Administration's decision.

Regardless of these facts, however, two students disgruntled by the Administration's decision in favor of turning Hamlet into an SLS

house next year, threatened to take myself and several others to Honor Court for having submitted their names on our list without consultation. While in fact probable candidates for the house, they did—as we were later informed—not support the move.

While I (the party upon whom all blame eventually came to rest as I had typed and delivered the petition), along with others threatened with Court, were correctly confident of our innocence in the situation, we were advised to take the accusing party's alternative to court and to sign a letter of apology to be printed in the *Bullet*.

Honor Court is not something to be played with, we were informed, and advised to take the option of signing the letter of apology printed last week.

Frustrated by the pettiness of my fellow students (allegedly honorable fellow students) much less by my virtual inability to prove my innocence given the apparent dangers present should I opt to go to court, I chose to sign the letter of apology.

Those occasions when I reneg on my word have been non-existent until now, and I regret that I must now revoke my previously extended apologies. After serious reflection and consideration of the entire situation and all of the abuses therein, however, I concluded that in signing my name to that letter, I had done more that put my personal integrity on the line; I had partaken in an impermissible abuse of the Honor System.

The question I ask is: When will they fulfill their duty to me?

Sincerely,

David Lynch

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To the Editor:

Your editorial carried in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Bullet* concerning duty shocks me.

Since I have been here at Mary Washington, my campus room has become, for some reason, an extension of Trinkle Library to some students. For some unknown reason, they feel a need to inventory my belongings and check out other pertinent facts about my life.

I have caught one person coming into my room without any solid reason given, and for some reason, the Dean of Students and Dr. Anderson have decided that I'm not worthy of the same protective rights as the other students.

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David Lynch

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# Lawsuit May Be Settled Out of Court

by WENDY LaRUE

The lawsuit filed against the College by alumna-artist Mary Cate Carroll may be settled out of court, said President William Anderson in a recent interview.

## HONOR from page 2

When the Honor System is used as a tool by which to impose personal vindictiveness, there remains no honor and to someone without honor I cannot extend my apologies.

I sincerely hope that the party offended by having their names placed on a typed list have received all of the personal satisfaction they had hoped to derive by seeing my name in print as I asked their forgiveness, and I sincerely hope that they see this as nothing more than the hollow victory which they sought.

Moreover, however, I hope and trust that from what I have related

At this point, the terms of the tentative settlement can not be announced because their release could hinder the outcome of the case.

The suit filed by Carroll asked for \$50,000 for the damage she feels she suffered to her reputation, and men-

tal and emotional harm. Carroll also requests a court order that would require the College to display her anti-abortion painting "American Liberty Upside Down" under terms similar to those of the 1983 Alumni Art Show from which the painting was banned.

"American Liberty Upside Down" is a 5x5 foot collage painting of a man and woman sitting on a couch holding the dotted outline of a child. When a door in the middle of the outline is opened, a five month saline

aborted fetus can be seen.

The defendants named in the suit are Anderson, Dean Mary Anne Burns, Barbara Meyers, chairman of the art department, Joseph DiBella, director of DuPont Galleries, and the Board of Visitors.

The Attorney General's office is handling the case for the school.

According to information provided by the Attorney General's Office, the case is in a pre-trial conference stage. Both sides have been asked to provide documentation for their

arguments and all available information is being reviewed.

If no out of court settlement is reached, it is predicted that the hearing date would be in six months at the earliest.

During pre-trial discussion, the College denied any violation of Carroll's First Amendment rights, in refusing to allow her to hang the painting.

Carroll chose not to comment on the issue at this time.

## Announcing...

**"Archaeology Under Pressure: Salvage Archaeology in the James and York Rivers"** will be discussed on Tuesday, March 5, by Nicholas Luccketti, a senior historical archaeologist from the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. Mr. Luccketti's lecture is part of the "Archaeology for Lunch" series being sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation. The talk begins at 11 a.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 104. Admission is free. For further information, call 4037.

"Millenarianism: Time and the End of the World" will be the subject of a talk by Robert F. Boughner, assistant professor of Classics, on Tuesday, March 5, at 3:45 p.m. The lecture is part of the continuing series, "The Tempest of Time," being sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion. The lecture will be held in Chandler Hall, Room 304. Admission is free.

David Powell, of Harvard University, will deliver a lecture Tuesday, March 5, in Monroe 104. The lecture entitled "Soviet American Relations in the 1980's: Co-operation, Confrontation or Competitive Co-existence?" will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"The Search for Governor Alexander Spotswood's Enchanted Castle" will be discussed by David K. Hazzard of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission in a lecture to be given on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m. Part of the "Archaeology for Lunch" series being sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation, the talk will be held in Monroe Hall, Room 104. There is no admission charge.

Robertson Collins, the former vice chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will be the guest speaker in the lecture series "Issues in Historic Preservation. Mr. Collins' talk, "The worldwide Phenomenon of Preservation," will be given on Thursday, March 7, in Monroe Hall Room 104, at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Come and meet the candidates running for Student Association positions at the open forum on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Monroe 104. This is your chance to hear the candidate's issues and ask any questions that you may have. Bring a friend!

Student Association Elections will be held on Tuesday March 26. If you will not be on campus that day, have an internship or are in the infirmary, you can obtain an absentee ballot on Monday, March 25 by contacting Sheryl DeVau at 4727 or Janet Hall at 4723.

Attention Special and Part-time students. If you are enrolled in only one class and wish to drop the class, the correct procedure is withdrawal from the College. See Mrs. Kemp in GW Room 210 for further information.

A course may still be dropped through March 18. Students must have a drop form signed by the professor. A grade of W.P. (withdraw passing), or W.F. (withdraw failing) will be determined and placed in the student's permanent record.

## S.A., Class Council Election Process Begins

by NICOLE LINSALATA

Elections for Student Association and Class Council offices will be held March 26 and April 4. The election process is currently underway, with mandatory workshops for all offices.

The S.A. election workshops were held yesterday in the Lee Hall Ballroom. The workshops were designed to inform prospective candidates on election rules and procedures, and the responsibilities of each elected office. On Wednesday, the candidates will be nominated at a

Senate meeting.

A week of campaigning will follow Spring Break from March 18-22. On Thursday, March 21, an open forum will be held, giving current office holders and members of the audience the opportunity to pose questions to the candidates.

Because major offices such as S.A. president or vice president have several potential candidates, preliminary elections will be held on Monday, March 25. On Tuesday, March 26, general elections will take place.

S.A. elections are open to all members of the student body, but current S.A. President Amy Blasch

## MWC Acquires Computers

The IBM Corporation has loaned five complete PC/XT microcomputer systems to the College for a six-month period, according to the Director of Academic Computing, Ernest C. Ackerman. Each microcomputer system contains a computer, color monitor, printer, software for word processing and spread sheets.

Carol L. Cox of Fredericksburg, IBM advisory marketing representative, made the loan arrangements between the company's Public Sector Industry Marketing Department and the College. In the arrangement, the company agreed to loan and license its machines and licensed programs to the College free of charge. Commercial value of each microcomputer system is \$7,849, and a year's maintenance on each system is approximately \$500.

The microcomputer loan from IBM has enabled the College to make more computers and more software available to students and faculty. In addition, the IBM machines are being used in the Computer Themes and Applications course, an introductory class for non-computer majors. The course is the first offered under the College's Computer Literacy Project, which is partially funded by a \$75,000 grant from the State Council for Higher Education.

MWC will have use of the PC/XT microcomputer systems through the month of June.

## Student's Car Abused

by GLENN BIRCH

Hall on Feb. 17. City Police are investigating the theft.

The theft of a student's backpack from Seacobeck was reported on Feb. 16. The knapsack was valued at approximately \$18.

## Police Beat

On Feb. 17, a delivery person reported the theft of food and pizza "hot-bag" while making a delivery in Bushnell Hall. College Police have no suspects in the case at this time.

College Police charged a former student on March 1 with speeding, failure to stop for a police officer and failure to obey a stop sign. Observed coming over the hill by Randolph Hall at a high rate of speed, the driver was stopped in the College Heights neighborhood. He will appear in court on Friday.

Due to Spring Break, *The Bullet* will not be published again until March 26. Please look for us then and have a safe and happy Spring Break!

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## Features

# Symposium Examines Aspects of Abortion

by THERESA STORKE  
and ELLEN MOSES

A symposium on abortion, featuring the varied presentations and opinions of a doctor, a pastor and a lawyer, was sponsored by MWC's Campus Christian Community, on Feb. 27.

A primarily female audience gathered in Combs 200 to listen to both impassive and passionate views and facts about abortion.

Moderator Sue Hanna, MWC English professor, opened the information session by calling for an end to generalizing the issue of abortion by using "anti" this and "pro" that. She stressed that any information session about abortion should be informative and not based on rampant emotionalism.

Fredericksburg area resident, lawyer and part-time Commonwealth Attorney, H. Glen Goodpasture, gave a brief history of abortion law.

Goodpasture explained that in 1973 the Supreme court ruled in the *Roe vs. Wade* decision, making abortion legal in all three trimesters of pregnancy. The responsibility for developing restrictions on abortion was left to the individual states.

According to the abortion restrictions in Virginia, abortion is legal by

suction during the first trimester, by saline injection in the second trimester, and for abortion to be legal during the third trimester, the woman's life must be in danger.

Dr. Robert Bluford, from Overbrook Presbyterian church, represented the pro-choice side of the issue. Bluford related his past ministerial experiences of counseling women with unwanted pregnancies.

Bluford said that before abortion was legalized, if counseling a woman who was absolutely set upon abortion, he would connect them with doctors and clinics, so they at least wouldn't be getting it done "on the street."

Pro-life advocate Olga Fairfax, a doctor of psychological counseling, came prepared with stacks of information tracts, a jar containing an

aborted fetus, and facts and figures from the World Health Organization and the National Institute of Health.

According to Fairfax, around 6,000 abortions are performed daily in the U.S.—98 percent of those for convenience sake. The remaining percentage of abortions are given to victims of rape and incest or to women who are in danger of dying from pregnancy complications, she

said.

Junior Martha Moore, who attended the forum, said that she believed Fairfax's argument would have been more effective had she stuck to a clinically and factually based argument, and avoided the emotional elements.

Moore added that she was disappointed in the forum because the panelists were not very evenly balanced.

## Ring Week Ends With Dance

by SUSAN LOYD

Junior Ring Week was a great success and brought the Class of 1986 closer together, according to Junior Class Vice President Kim Mears.

Due to an abundance of funding, Junior class officers were able to pro-

vide many activities for the class throughout the week, including a beer and pizza party in the pub, a keg party, a buffet dinner in Seabock and shuttles to happy hour at Ruby Tuesday's.

Thursday, Feb. 28, the traditional

## Disc Design Needed

This year the MWC Frisbee Club will be the host of the 9th Annual Virginia Flying Disc Championships. The club is currently looking for a disc design for the tournament disc.

Anyone is eligible to submit a design which, if chosen would be printed on the actual flying disc. The designs must be in by March 18,

to Kent Birkle or Randy Lahm with the following information incorporated: Virginia Flying Disc Championships, 9th Annual MWC or Mary Washington College, April 6, 1985.

Designs should be submitted to Kent Birkle, 1407 Prince Edward St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or call Randy Lahm at 899-4452.

ring presentation ceremony took place in Dodd Auditorium at 7 p.m. The evening began with the tapping of 22 new Mortar Board members and was followed by an address from Assistant Professor of Dramatic Arts Michael Joyce. President Anderson then presented rings to the 348 juniors that took part in the ceremony. A reception was held in Dodd lobby following the presentation.

Ring Week culminated on Saturday, March 2, with a champagne reception at Trench Hill from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and Ring Dance from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Approximately 300 couples attended the dance and enjoyed the sounds of The Voltage Brothers. A buffet style dinner was set up in the C-Shop which included

finger foods, shrimp cocktail and roast beef. Following the dance, shuttle buses transported students to the Holiday Inn South.



Jeff Elkins, speaks to the class of '86.

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People**Perez Graduates at 17**

by LISA HAILSTONE  
How does it feel to be 7 years old and graduating from college after only three years?

It may be hard to imagine but it's a reality for MWC's own Charles Perez.

Perez attended high school in Houston, Texas for just one year, before applying and being accepted here at MWC. He believes that his S.A.T. scores were the greatest help in obtaining acceptance. As a freshman in high school he received a high S.A.T. score of 1340.

Perez now lives with his family in Stafford County where his brother is a junior in Stafford High School. Perez takes 19 credit hours every semester and also works 15 to 20 hours a week, at a Captain D's fast-food restaurant. He has also earned 5 credit hours in two complete summer sessions here. He finds his schedule demanding and "fairly hard", and says he would like to improve his G.P.A.

Perez is majoring in Computer Science and would like to continue on to graduate school after finishing at MWC in May. Perez says he would like to attend Va. Tech, and study computer engineering. In his spare time, Perez enjoys working with his personal computer.

When asked how it felt to be one of the youngest students at MWC,



Senior Charles Perez  
Photo by Prewitt Scripps

Perez replied that basically his age creates no problems and he feels at ease with the rest of his classmates. He finds time in his busy schedule to get out and go to the Pub and parties. His shyness, he says, is more of a problem with meeting people than his age.

Perez also devotes about five hours a week to the MWC Singers, the College's show choir. That group has a concert scheduled for later this month.

Attending college early was his mother's idea, says Perez, but it was something he had considered for over two years before attending MWC.

Perez has been involved in special accelerated programs since primary school age, including the "gifted and talented" program in fourth and fifth grade.

# Richmond Sinfonia to Perform Thursday Night in Dodd

The Richmond Sinfonia will perform Thursday night at 8 p.m. in Dodd. The Sinfonia forms the nucleus of the Richmond Symphony, the only full-time professional orchestra in Virginia. The Sinfonia is composed of 41 musicians, many of whom have come to Virginia from music conservatories and orchestras across the nation, and is one of only 10 such groups in the United States.

Since 1973, the Sinfonia has presented concerts in all geographical areas of the state, performing at the Southwest Virginia Museum, South Hill's Harvest Festival, Winchester's Shenandoah Conservatory, Bowling Green, Big Stone Gap, Monticello and Wolf Trap. The group's repertoire includes music from the 17th through the 20th centuries.

Peter Bay, assistant conductor of the Richmond Symphony, will direct the Sinfonia at MWC. In addition to his position with the Richmond Symphony, Bay is also music director of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. Previously, he received critical acclaim as music director and conductor of the Prince Georges County Youth Orchestra.

Bay holds music degrees from the University of Maryland and Peabody Conservatory. He has made guest appearances with many

orchestras, including the Aspen Chamber Symphony and the Theatre Chamber Players of the Kennedy Center.

Thursday's concert is free, open to the public and sponsored by the Committee on Campus Academic Resources.

# Mortar Board Taps 22 at Presentation

by PETER POCKRIS

"...Is now tapping...is now tapping..." These words echoed through Dodd Auditorium Thursday night as eligible juniors anxiously awaited the next name to be called in the annual Mortar Board "tapping" ceremony.

Mortar Board is a national senior honor society encouraging scholarship, leadership and service to the college and community. Upcoming senior applicants must have a 3.0 minimum G.P.A. and are chosen by

current Mortar Board members.

Twenty-two members were selected this year, compared to 20 in 1984 and 17 in 1983. The 1985 Mortar Board includes: MaryKate Behan, Regine Bolling, Joyce Bowman, Barrie Britton, Terri Chapman, Lisa Deese, Jeff Elkins, Barbara Heller, Beth Kelly, Bruce Loving, Susan Loyd, Kathy McDonald, Melissa Moore, Mary Ellen Phelan, Jane Porter, Leanne Raynor, Heidi Reszies, Henry Talavera, Carolyn Tyler, Denise Williams, Stephanie Wood and Chris Zavrel.

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## 2-a-day Salads Bring Reflection

Okay, so I lied a little. See, I promised my editor (King Glenn of Birch) that I would never write a boring column on the weaknesses of the dining hall. Well, Glenn, you can take me to court, but Sara Jones owes me a favor...and it won't be too boring, anyway.

I guess it really wouldn't be fair to the commuting students to talk about Seacobec (pronounced "see the green-faced co-ed head for the bathroom"). A lot of them have never been able to experience one of the many culinary delights for which "The Beck" is famous. So, I humbly ask for their forgiveness. Also, I ask those of weak heart and stomach to please go on to the next page; I may have to get a little graphic.

Anyway, I got the idea for this column while eating a salad the other day. Not just any salad, mind you, but my second salad of the day. On the eighth consecutive day of two-a-day salads. Let me tell you, the American farm industry will never go under as long as our dining hall has a salad bar and continues to serve some of their entrees.

Now, my mom is a pretty good cook, and prepares a wide variety of dishes for us at home, but I must ad-

mit I am baffled by many of the dishes which are so carelessly—woopsie—I mean carefully served to us here at The Wash. I mean, are these special dishes handed down from generations ago, or are these Seacobec exclusives (for what's worth)?

Like Chicketti. Chicketti sounds kind of foreign and exotic, doesn't it? I asked a friend of mine who is Italian if her mom ever served Chicketti at home. Well she slapped me, and warned me to beware of a violin case-carrying Fiat driver. Judging from her response, Chicketti probably isn't from a recipe that came over on the boat with Grandma.

I haven't had Chili-Mac in a while, but I'm sure we all remember the hit song written about that true culinary experience. It went, "Chili, chili, on Chili-Mac...I feel ya coming back!"

Rumor has it that Seacobec is second only to McDonald's in potato consumption. Fact attests to this with but a mere glance at a week's worth of Seacobec menus: potatoes are served with every meal in one form or another. I've always wanted to do something to benefit mankind:

therefore, I came to a college whose dining hall supports the entire Irish potato farming culture, and no doubt a good part of America's as well.

I guess what I like most about Seacobec is what even science itself can't explain. Like why Chuckwagon steak, eggplant parmesan, and breaded liver all look and taste the same. Does the fact that they're usually served on consecutive nights have anything to do with it, I wonder? Or knowing that when spaghetti is served, tacos and barbecued beef aren't too far in the distant future. Where did Wax beans come from? Why is the turkey they serve always perfectly round? (Have

you ever seen a perfectly round turkey?) And what flavor is the purple yogurt?

But ya gotta admit, not everything in Seacobec is bad. The ice cream is usually pretty good. The coke is usually pretty cold. The flowers are pretty. The fliers they put out are fun and interesting to read. The tables are there. The doors that let you in will also let you out.

We can't complain about the staff because they are always nice and willing to help you—as best they can. What we don't seem to realize is that it is hard to cook for a lot of people, and that everyone has different tastes. They try. They only have so much to work with. We only have so

much to live for. It's a fair promise.

But I really wish we could have meal card thing that we could use either Seacobec or the C-Shoppe mean, we pay for it don't. Shouldn't we have some say in what is that we eat? Sure, they cond polls, but the results are prob sent off to some big important place like Kansas where they sit and play wastebasket basketball.

Thus, I have resigned myself the fact that bad food is a part of college life, just like exams and road trips and all-nighters. It is a new ending phenomenon. And so I close with one final question: Is it that Seacobec was built on an ancient Indian burial ground?

DAVID MINOR

## Housing Gripe Nothing New

There has been quite a lot of fuss lately about the male Study/SLS housing for next year. It seems that everyone wants Hamlet to cater to

their own specific speciality, be it getting high grades or organizing class activities. There are, however, several interest groups that have been ignored all four of my years here. Yes, it seems that even with MWC's own wonderful staff in charge of housing, someone is getting the short end in the rooming situation.

I remember back before the current enlightened leadership came to power in Residence Life. One decision that comes to mind was the decision to move the female study house from Trench Hill to Marye. Although most of the women living in the house at the time were graduating, there was quite a stink over that decision. Until graduation day, 1982, complaints were heard and bad blood flowed.

My own personal experience during that time occurred in a homesteading request scuffle. My residence hall at the time was Madison. Madison had the tradition (for all of one year) of being a freshman male dorm. Rather than break that tradition, the men of Madison were refused homesteading.

The decision was also made at that time to turn Westmoreland into an all female hall. That decision sat at least as well with the student body as the decision to end Trench Hill's status as a residence hall. Would the implementers of that decision be surprised to find out that, due to lack of space, Westmoreland was again coed only three years later?

So even before the current staff took over in Residence Life, things similar to the Hamlet brouhaha were taking place. But that does not mean that this staff has to follow the ways of its predecessors. It could ask for student input on housing changes (in the form of a public hearing) before the executive decisions were handed down. This way, those students who had been counting on living a certain place one year may at least have an input into the housing process and possibly an explanation if things do not go their way.

I can see it now, Westmoreland

basement, now designated for male study housing next year, could used for a far more ignored group the voyeurs. Westmoreland basement offers a perfect location for those with low morals and a sense of high adventure. What is to stop male resident from romping around at an odd hour, poking his nose where he should not?

In a truly coed hall, the equality men to women could temper some anti-social behavior with peer pressure and an occasional protective boyfriend. But with only females in the entire building, not only would the special residents be able to use the T.V. Room, but anyone else in the building they went the would be sure to find a place to practice their special interest.

Of course, the women would have to have equal time, so I suggest that first floor Bushnell be designated female voyeur housing. But putting students of average superior morals in these special rooms is a terrible waste of a decent opportunity.

The residence life staff should not stop at pervert housing. Other special interests abound that could be satisfied by creative selection of housing sites. Indeed, Westmoreland basement could be used by those who fear falling out windows to their death. Or better yet, there could be special housing for swimmers. Students who enjoy swimming could be housed in lockers at Goolrick. Those quarters could not be too much more cramped than a triple in Custis.

People who live living under other people could also apply for the Westmoreland basement spots. As normal college dorm, Westmoreland I am sure, provides plenty of noise to keep the most avid of ground floor aficionados happy. Other groups that would benefit from Westmoreland basement would be the T.V. fanatics, and laundry maniacs.

If the situation gets desperate, the cabin behind Goolrick could house outdoor enthusiasts; and the closest

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## Sports

# Riders Take Second

by TAMMY MESICK

Robin Willumsun led the the MWC equestrian team in its Reserve High Point (second place) finish at an intercollegiate horse show at Sweet Briar College, finishing with blue ribbons in both of her open horsemanship classes and High Point Rider honors.

A considerable improvement from their performance the previous week, the team fell only one point short of UVA which won the meet.

Katie Brown and Christa Richer both received first place ribbons in their novice horsemanship on the flat classes.

Lisa Brown, Daphne Laimbeer, and Kathleen Moore each took second place in their respective events.

This is the third consecutive show at which the equestrians have taken the Reserve High Point championship.

Feb. 24 at a show held by UVA at Barracks Farm, the team finished behind UVA with a score of 28 to 34.

Robin Willumsun won a blue ribbon for the open horsemanship division and Kristi Richer won the

novice division on the flat class.

Lisa Brown won the advanced walk-trot-canter, while Sally Lawson won the blue in the advanced walk-trot.

At the conclusion of the day's events Coach Carol Miller said, "I'm so proud of everybody."

The next show will be held March 31 at William and Mary.

On April 14, MWC will host their second show this season at Hazelwild Farm, and will participate in the Regional Horse Show at Longwood the following day.

All riders who have accumulated 21 points in their division this season will show at the regional event, with the winners in each category going on to the national competition.



Equestrian team member practices jumping at Hazelwild.

Photo by Prewitt: Scripps

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der the amphitheatre could give students a taste of slum life. If the college could buy up some houses in a neighborhood, students could live in male and female suburbs.

For the really bizarre, the college could open up the steam tunnels for male housing. Some space in Hall could be allocated for the constantly sick faction (close proximity to the health center), and

padded housing could be provided for the mentally ill contingent on campus. There could even be a few rooms around *The Bullet* office for columnist housing.

I guess this is what the campus really needs in the way of specialized housing. Yet, I am only one person, and I may not reflect the campus viewpoint. With a yearly hearing on housing, with no information withheld (!), possibly there would not be so many complaints about housing decisions.

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